

COLORED PAGEANT RIVALS BIG BALL

Pennsylvania Avenue Lined
at Elks Parade.

JACK JOHNSON NOT THERE

Promises to Come Sunday and Will
Receive a Welcome—Dance Dedic-
ated to Him as Hero of Reno, and
Other Distinguished Men Are Hon-
ored Similarly—Crowd Sees Parade.

Colored Elks numbering more than a
thousand marched and danced yesterday,
the parade in Pennsylvania avenue in
the afternoon and the grand ball at Con-
vention hall last night being the big fea-
tures of the convention which began Mon-
day for a week.

Jack Johnson was conspicuously absent.
He sent word he could not get away
from his theatrical engagement in New
York, but would come Sunday, and a big
reception awaits him then.

Thousands See Parade.

Pennsylvania avenue was thronged on
both sides from the Treasury Building
to the Capitol during the parade, which
started at 3 o'clock. Five bands were
in line, besides many carriages and au-
tomobiles. The parade started from True
Reformers' Hall, at Twelfth and U
streets, with Grand Exalted Ruler J. E.
Mills as marshal.

It was headed by a dozen mounted
police. It moved to Fifteenth street
to the strains of "Any Little Girl That's
a Nice Little Girl," proceeded to Penn-
sylvania avenue, and turned toward the
Capitol. It broke up there after pictures
were taken.

Crowds at Big Ball.

A band of forty pieces welcomed the
crowds at the grand ball, which began
at 8 o'clock with the grand march, under
the direction of E. E. Bagley. Each
dance was dedicated to a prominent Elks
or woman. That dedicated to Johnson
styled him as "the hero of Reno." There
were about fifteen dances on the pro-
gramme, which lasted until after mid-
night.

Welcomed to Washington.

The convention was called to order at
11 o'clock yesterday morning by Grand
Exalted Ruler W. E. Atkins. Dr. William
Hendall welcomed the visiting brothers to
Washington on behalf of the Commis-
sioners.

Ralph Tyler, Auditor of the Navy De-
partment, welcomed them on behalf of
the colored citizens, and Judge R. H.
Terrell, of the Municipal Court, added a
few appropriate remarks on behalf of lo-
cal colored Elks. J. Frank Wheaton re-
sponded. W. T. Vernon, Register of the
Treasury Department, also delivered an
address.

The committee that arranged the ball
last night followed: Moses H. Dade, John
T. Rhines, James Brown, William H.
Walker, Elphong Freeman, H. E. York,
John H. Lee, Elijah Coleman, Wilbur
Richards, William Robinson, Solomon
Dade, Elijah Turner, George Thomas,
Nelson Jones.

WAR SHIPS TO MAKE CRUISE.

Fifth Division of Atlantic Fleet Will
Tour Maine Waters.

The fifth division of the Atlantic fleet,
consisting of the armored cruisers Ten-
nessee, Montana, and North Carolina,
will leave Hampton Roads on August 14
next for a cruise along the Maine coast,
visiting Bar Harbor, Ellsworth, Rockland,
and Portland.

The division will proceed thence to
Newport, arriving about August 30. After
target practice on the Southern drill
grounds, off Hampton Roads, and mine
and torpedo practice in Cape Cod Bay,
the cruisers will proceed to New York
to allow the men shore liberty.

Veteran Dies in Poverty.

John O. Nell, a veteran, seventy-five
years old, of 62 Kenyon street north-
west, died yesterday afternoon. Nell was
taken sick only a short time ago, but
owing to reduced circumstances, he could
not afford a physician.

Coroner Nevitt was notified and gave a
certificate of death from heart failure.

ARMY AND NAVY.

Army Orders.

The following changes in the assignments of officers
of the Coast Artillery Corps are ordered:
Capt. CLARENCE M. CONDON (major, Philippine
Scout) is relieved from assignment to the 10th
Company and placed on the unassigned list.

First Lieut. PIERRE V. KIEFFER, now attached
to the Fifty-fifth Company, is assigned to that
company.

Brig. Gen. WILLIAM W. WOTHELSPOON, U. S. A.,
will proceed on or about August 4, 1910,
to Newport, R. I., for the purpose of delivering
lectures before the Naval War College.

Second Lieut. CYRUS R. STREET, U. S. A.,
retired, is relieved from duty at Mount Tamalpais
Military Academy, San Rafael, Cal., and
will proceed to his home.

The letter of absence heretofore granted First Lieut.
FREDERICK GOLDNER, Seventeenth In-
fantry, is further extended one month.

Second Lieut. RICHARD R. PICKERING, Six-
teenth Infantry, is designated as special dis-
tributing agent of the post department for Fort Davis,
Alaska, relieving First Lieut. SOLOMON B.
WEST, Sixteenth Infantry.

First Lieut. WILLIAM M. GRAHAM, Twentieth
Infantry, is relieved from duty at Fort Leavenworth,
Kan., and will proceed to San Francisco.
Capt. FRED E. BUCHAN, Sixth Cavalry, is re-
lieved from further duty at headquarters, De-
partment of the Missouri, and will proceed to
join his regiment.

So much of special orders as relate to Capt. FRED
W. SLADEN, General Staff, is revoked.

Navy Orders.

The following orders have been issued:
Lieuts. T. F. CALDWELL and L. M. STEWART,
detached Colorado, to home and wait orders.
Ensign D. G. COPELAND, detached duty Detle;
to temporary duty Bureau of Yards and Docks,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Paymaster's Clerk O. L. HANCOCK, appointed a
paymaster's clerk in the navy for duty on board
Hancock, navy yard, New York, N. Y.

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COAL DEAL MAY LEAD TO TROUBLE

Pennsylvania Operators Say
Discrimination Exists.

MAY ENTER FORMAL PROTEST

Bethlehem Steel Company Buys \$30,-
000,000 Worth of Fuel in West
Virginia and Abandons Old Con-
tractors—May Lead to Opening of
C. & O. Controversy.

An interesting sidelight on the question
of freight rates in Eastern classification
territory came to light yesterday in Bal-
timore.

Announcement was made there that
the Bethlehem Steel Company had en-
tered into an arrangement with the Da-
vis Coal and Coke Company, of West
Virginia, for its supply of coal and coke,
covering a period of twenty years, for
which it agreed to pay about \$20,000,000.
The freight rates agreed upon for the
delivery of this fuel at Baltimore
amounts to about \$30,000,000 or more.

The reasons advanced by the Bethlehem
Steel Company for changing its fuel con-
tract from Pennsylvania mines to the
West Virginia field was the difference
in freight rates charged by the Penn-
sylvania roads. It is asserted that mine-
owners in Pennsylvania territory are
obliged to pay about 35 per cent more
freightage on coal than is paid by the
West Virginia company, the coal going
to Baltimore over the Western Maryland
railroad.

May Revive Old Question.

The opinion is openly expressed in Bal-
timore that this great deal will be the
means of reviving the controversy, which
was finally compromised against the
Chesapeake and Ohio Railway for main-
taining too low freight rates in the West
Virginia coal fields. This controversy is
of far-reaching importance, and if it
once goes up to the Interstate Commerce
Commission for adjudication, it may re-
sult in considerable change in the tariff
rates of coal and coke in this part of
the country.

The railroads taking traffic from the
Southern fields have given every possi-
ble assistance to the mining interests in
that section and the effect has been an
increase in facilities which would other-
wise have been impossible. The operators
in Pennsylvania have made a statement
in which the following illustrations serve
to show what the situation is:

How Problem Works Out.

The railroad companies calculate that
the average distance from the Poca-
hontas and New River districts to Nor-
folk and Newport News is 49 miles, and
their freight rate is \$1.40 a ton, equiv-
alent to 35 mills a mile.

From central Pennsylvania to New
York via the Pennsylvania lines the dis-
tance is figured at 345 miles and the
rate is \$5.50 a ton, equivalent to 45
mills a ton mile. To Philadelphia, for
transit to New England and competitive
points the basis is the same, so that
practically the Southern product is
charged on shipments to tide water 35
cents a ton less than from central Penn-
sylvania to tide water.

Southern coal fields, it is claimed, have
certain natural advantages, such as
thickness of coal seam, and hence a
lower cost of production than prevails
in the northern mining districts. Their
one disadvantage is distance from the
competitive market, but this is elimi-
nated by the railroads in making a com-
paratively reduced rate, which is
said to be the expense of the northern
operators.

AUTO RUNS WILD.

Arthur E. Clark, Unfamiliar with

Car, Collides with Pole.

It will be a long time before Arthur
E. Clark, of 1229 Monroe street northeast,
attempts to run his machine after his
little experience of yesterday afternoon.

Although he is not an expert, he
thought he knew enough about running
his car to attempt a little speeding, and
for a time was getting along famously.

Suddenly something went wrong with
the steering wheel. Mr. Clark lost control
of the car and went tearing down Wis-
consin avenue. Just as a telephone pole
loomed up ahead of the car, near Lowell
street, Mr. Clark thought it safer to
jump, which he did. He landed in the
street, but with no apparent injury, while
the automobile attempted to butt down
the telephone pole.

When Mr. Clark picked himself up and
examined his car, he concluded the ma-
chine would take at least \$100 to pay the bill
before he could ride again.

CONFER R. P. DEGREE.

Prize Team of Stuart Encampment

Performs Ritualistic Work.

At a regular meeting of Fred. D. Stuart
Encampment, No. 7, I. O. O. F., at
their temple last night, the royal purple
degree was conferred upon six candi-
dates.

The work was done by the degree team
that has been selected to enter the com-
petition for the prize offered for this
degree at the session of the Sovereign
Grand Lodge at Atlanta, Ga., in Sep-
tember. This team is under the leader-
ship of Frederick A. Royce, and there
was a large number of the members of
other encampments in the District pres-
ent last night to witness the work of
this team.

It is confidently hoped that the first
prize in the contest will be brought to
this city.

SEEKS AID WITH THROAT CUT.

Negro Woman Calls at Hospital

While Police Chase Man.

With her throat cut, Victoria Gaffner,
colored, of 502 M street northeast, walked
from Seventh and A streets northeast to
the Casualty Hospital last night and
asked that her wounds be dressed. Her
condition is serious.

Edward Gantt was arrested by the po-
lice of the Ninth precinct after a long
chase, and is held pending a report as to
the woman's condition.

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A BLUE POKER CHIP.

In the Episcopal church at Contentville,
evening service was drawing to a close
one day last summer—to be exact, on
the twelfth Sunday after Trinity. The
wardens had collected the offertory, and
were standing in the chancel handing the
plates to Mr. Oxtom, the rector, for pre-
sentation on the altar, when the rector's
quick eyes discerned among the quaters,
dimes, and small change which generally
made up the offertory a blue poker chip.

The rector was not a man to hesitate
when in his judgment the time had come
to speak if he would be true to his Mas-
ter. And that time had indeed come.
Looking at the offending poker chip, it
seemed to be challenging him to speak
then and there or else hereafter forever
hold his peace.

An instant later the pastor took the
plates from the hands of the wardens,
and as he did so the congregation arose,
and his custom was, for the purpose of
joining in the presentation and in sing-
ing the words which always accom-
pany "All things come to Thee, and of
Thine own will was given Thee." But
the rector, looking straight before him
into the faces of the congregation, never
moved an inch. It was evident he was
going to make an announcement of some
kind, and as that was quite unusual at
that part of the service, the hush of a
great silence suddenly fell upon the
congregation, which in a moment became
all expectant.

Then in a clear, decided voice the rec-
tor said:

"In the alms collected by our wardens
and which we are about to ask Almighty
God to accept at our hands, there is a
blue poker chip. There is only one per-
son who could have put it into the plate,
and he, of course, put it in by accident.
I will, however, be very glad if he will
kindly come to the vestry at the close
of the service and redeem his property."

Reading of the chip and laying it on
the credence table, the rector then offered
the alms as usual, but it was noticed
that rarely has the singing of the offer-
tory sentence, "All things come to Thee,"
been sung with greater fervor than it
was on that particular occasion.

After the service was over the parish-
ioner responsible for the chip appeared
at the vestry door and tendered a quar-
ter for the alms, and the rector, with
many expressions of regret at the
occurrence, accepted the money.

It was the rector's opportunity, and he
was not slow in seizing it.

"Why, you really don't mean, Mr. —,"
he said, "to redeem a blue poker chip
with a quarter? I understand it's worth
\$2."

Somewhat chagrined, the poker player
paid over the \$2, although as he did so
he remarked, half in jest and half in
earnest, that the rector seemed to know
good deal about the game of poker.

A moment more and the rector had his
turn, all right, and the parishioner gave
it to him innocently enough.

"Tell me, doctor," he asked, "how in
the world did you know that I put that
chip into the alms plate? It passes my
comprehension how you could have found
it out."

"Didn't find it out; nor did I know it
at all."

"But you said only one person could
have put that chip into the plate, and
while you were saying that you were
just looking straight at me."

"My dear fellow," said the doctor,
looking his pleasantest and smiling gen-
erously, and quoting as he did so some
words of Shakespeare about conscience,
"I really didn't even know you were in
church this evening; and as regards only
one person having put that poker chip
into the offertory—well, two men couldn't
very well have put one chip into the
offertory, could they?"

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

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